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Community Celebrates Opening of Park and Library Complex

Council President Scott Peters joined Mayor Jerry Sanders and members of the University City community on Wednesday, September 19 to mark the opening of the Nobel Park and Library complex.

Construction on the \$17 million project began in September 2004, and is funded by Facilities Benefit Assessments, money generated by new construction for public amenities.

The project features a 16,088 square foot library, a 10,000 square foot recreation center, public art installations by artist Blue McRight, three fields, an off-leash dog area, tot lots, picnic areas and other amenities.

The site was designed to meet the Silver LEED rating, which rates sustainable and green design. The roofs of the library and rec center use highly reflective surfaces, to keep the roof cool and reduce the need for air conditioning. Photovoltaic cells atop the roofs generate green power to help run the facilities. The 700 trees and 10,000 plants on the site were selected for their drought-resistance, reducing the need for excessive irrigation.

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